

HARTFORD LEADS BRIDGEPORT-AS 'MURDER TOWN'

New York, Dec. 23.—The most "murderous" city in all the world is Memphis, Tenn., where 61.7 persons out of every 100,000 lose their lives by violence, according to statistics for the decade 1904-1913, prepared by the Spectator, an insurance journal, in an article on the "Homicide Record of 1914."

Six other Southern cities hold records for "killings," while New York City—Manhattan and the Bronx—with its enormous population, is a peaceful, law-abiding place, ranking only 16th out of the 30 registration cities used.

Murder is not only increasing at an alarming rate throughout the country, but statistics show that the predominating method in American murders is by firearms.

A truly terrible state of lawlessness and indifference to human life is shown in Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and Kentucky. The seven principal cities in these states have the unsavory record of leading the 30 American cities used in a registration area for the country.

Cities' Comparative Record.

The 30 cities, arranged in the order of "killings," together with the rate per 100,000 of population, are: Memphis, 61.7; Charleston, S. C., 55.5; Savannah, 54.4; Atlanta, 53; New Orleans, 52.8; Nashville, 52.3; Louisville, 51.6; St. Louis, 49.9; San Francisco, 49.3; Cincinnati, 48; Chicago, 47.5; Seattle, 47.1; Spokane, 45; Washington, 45; Cleveland, 44.1; Manhattan and the Bronx, N. Y., 41; Dayton, O., 40.5; Pittsburgh, 39.3; Providence, 38.2; Boston, 37.5; Baltimore, 37.1; Portland, 36.5; Philadelphia, 35.2; Buffalo, 34; Minneapolis, 33.7; Reading, Pa., 33; Rochester, N. Y., 32.3; Hartford, Conn., 31; Newark, N. J., 31; Milwaukee, 24.4. There were 1,281 homicides in the 30 cities for the decade, or an average of 7.5 per 100,000 of population for the whole area. The figures for 1914 show 1,439 murders for the same area, at the rate of 8.6 per 100,000 population, which, if continued for ten years, would make the total for the decade 14,390.

Assuming that the recorded murder death rate for the registration area may be safely applied to the whole country, more than 50,000 human lives have been deliberately sacrificed. The increase in murder during 1914 as compared with the ten years ending 1913 was most marked on the Pacific coast and in the Southern States, the latter having always led.

The Eastern cities show the murder of 4.9 persons out of every 100,000 population for 1904-1913 and 5.1 persons for 1914. The central cities show 5.6 and in 1914 5.3; while the Southern cities 13.2 for the 1904-1913 decade and 20.4 for the year 1914 and Pacific coast cities 19 and an increase to 22.3 for 1914.

Firearms Chief Weapon.

Among males 62.5 per cent. of the deaths were caused by firearms and among females 52.2 per cent., while cutting or piercing instruments caused 15.7 per cent. and among females 12.7 per cent. of the deaths. The mortality was highest between the ages of 25 and 34 years.

The reason for the increase in murder is given as the inadequacy of laws regarding deadly weapons. "The means of murder are entirely too convenient," says the Spectator. "The pistol carrying habit in many sections of the country is an evil of the first importance."

The number of murders in the United States is about 100 for every 13 committed in England and Wales, 30 in Australia, 31 in Prussia and 56 in Italy.

CUSTOMS OFFICIAL SHOOT TWO DEAD IN RAILROAD DEPOT

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—Robert L. Knox, surveyor of the New Orleans customhouse, shot and killed two men in the Yacoo and Mississippi Valley Depot in Baton Rouge, yesterday afternoon. His victims were Alexander Franklin, a colored man on his way to enter a hospital here, and Benjamin Foster, prominent in real estate and a lawyer of Hattiesburg, Miss.

Knox shot both men without any provocation, without speaking to them and without warning either of them. The depot was crowded with passengers waiting to catch the New Orleans train. Knox was arrested in Washington last September because he insisted on seeing President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo. Several times while in Washington he tried to force his way into the White House, asserting that he had important official business to transact with the president.

He was arrested by Secret Service men and his brother was communicated with here. Later he was placed in a private sanitarium in Washington. When he was released is not known here, but he suddenly appeared in Baton Rouge last Monday, at the home of his mother, Mrs. L. B. Knox, prominent society woman of the state capital.

Mother Says He Is Insane.

His mother, a nervous and excited woman, said last night that she had seen him this morning that he intended to go to New Orleans and resume his position in the Federal building. He is still surveyor of customs for the Port of New Orleans. He is undoubtedly insane.

Knox has refused to talk, but has conferred with former State Senator L. D. Beale and his brother, Nathan Knox. Senator Beale said last night: "Mr. Knox is undoubtedly insane. His condition is highly nervous. He does not fully realize what he has done, and we do not think under the circumstances that an extended statement is necessary."

Several women who were in the depot when Knox shot Franklin and Foster faint. Bullets from his revolver narrowly missed several of them. He fired five shots, two at Foster and three at Franklin. Both men dropped dead. Knox then threw the revolver to the floor and shouted: "Bring on your police!" To those he surrounded without saying a word simply waving his hand at the bodies of his two victims.

His Family Prominent.

Knox belongs to one of the most prominent families in Louisiana. He



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Fumed Oak \$20.00, Terms to Suit.
Fumed Oak \$25.00, Terms to Suit.
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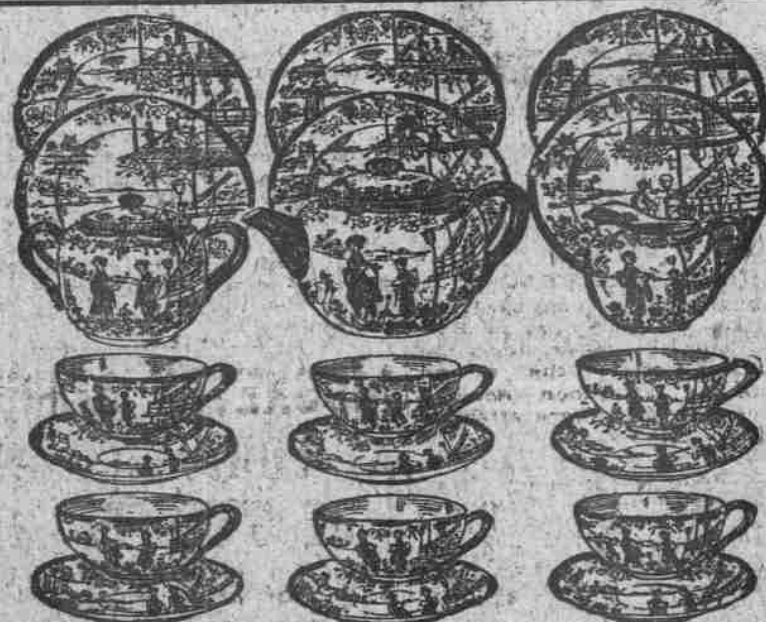
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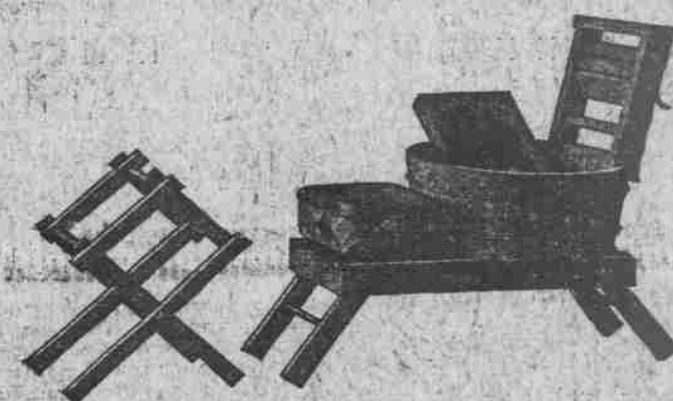


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BRIDGEPORT SHOE CO. HAS INVITING STORE

Joseph Lang, jeweler, Albert A. Holt, well known in the shoe trade, and M. E. Elprim, for many years active in the retail clothing and shoe trade of the city, have organized a new shoe business, the Bridgeport Shoe Co., which has opened a store at 96 Wall street.

The new store will do both wholesale and retail business. They have a large and attractive stock. Opening business today, they received a large number of both purchasers and visitors who came to wish them well.

Having the agency for a number of standard makes of shoes, they expect to give Bridgeporters the advantage of wholesale prices. They believe that with the expansion of Bridgeport their store is opened in time to meet a substantial demand. Men's and boys' shoes, exclusively, are handled.

Bridgeport stores expect to make Friday, the day before Christmas, the best day of the year and probably for many years past. Radford B. Smith's display of holiday goods is very large and as Friday will be the special day this week, the store will be filled with people who know they can secure articles wanted at the very lowest prices.—Adv.

Health Department Figures Show Need Of Preventative Work

How much does Bridgeport need the work of the tuberculosis department of the Visiting Nurse association? The question may be answered in part by the figures on tuberculosis secured from the health department.

In January of this year 11 deaths and 22 cases were reported; in February, 25 deaths, 27 cases reported; March, 14 deaths, 27 cases; April, 14 deaths, 25 cases; May, 18 deaths, 28 cases; June, 17 deaths 19 cases; July, 12 deaths, 22 cases; August, 7 deaths, 28 cases; September, 6 deaths, 21 cases; October, 12 deaths and 29 cases reported. The figures are not considered complete because many cases are not reported and deaths often are attributed to other causes, but there are so many that Bridgeport may get the idea. The average is almost three each week.

The nurses teach and prove daily that tuberculosis in the incipient stage is no less incurable than a cut finger, yet, neglected, it becomes one of the most dread disease. Dozens of children are to be found in the state sanatoriums.

This new concern backed by huge capital has obtained the services of several Bridgeporters, including Frank L. Capps, formerly designing engineer of the American Graphophone Co., living at 1479 Fairfield avenue, who now holds an executive position with

the new firm. Whether the facilities offered by Bridgeport will overcome the desire to keep the factory in close relation to the moving picture studio sites has not yet been decided.

CARRYING GUN TO PROTECT BANK ROLL NOT JUSTIFIED.

Carrying concealed weapons with the evident intention of protecting his bank roll was not a sufficient excuse tendered Judge Frederic A. Bartlett in city court today, when Bertie Guseppi, aged 44, of 251 Noble avenue, was arraigned on that charge and the court ordered Guseppi to pay the sum of \$25 and costs. Guseppi was arrested last night upon complaint of a fellow boarder to Policemen Harold Sherwood and John Cassidy.

MOSHER GETS BAIL

George Mosher, the young man who was driving Dr. Osborne's automobile the night the machine crashed into a billboard on the Ox Hill road and hurled William Cappelto to his death, was released from the county jail this morning under bonds of \$1,000. Joshua Meltzer, proprietor of the Hotel Lorraine, furnished bonds. Mosher is charged with manslaughter. Judge Curtis of the criminal superior court recently continued his case until the February term.

ARTHUR PRIMMER WEDS MISS O'BRIEN.

Arthur Primmer, 25, a lathe hand and Mabel O'Brien, 24, got a marriage license today from Assistant Town Clerk Clarence E. Winton, and then he performed the marriage ceremony for them. Both live at 126 Englewood avenue.

A small fire in the Spring Perch Co. on John street, caused window woodwork to be damaged this morning. Sparks from a forge started it. Chemicals extinguished the blaze.

Impostors Trying to Collect Money In Name Of Trinity Church

Impostors are collecting money, saying the donations are to be used in aiding the Christmas observance given each year for the young people of Trinity Episcopal church. Rev. Clinton W. Areson, rector of the church, has discovered that these persons are going about soliciting subscriptions in the name of the church, and for the work performed by Sister Dorothy, the church visitor.

It is known that those impostors, who are both men and women, have procured money from persons residing in Bridgeport and recently, Rev. E. N. Packard, pastor of the Stratford Congregational church, received a letter purported to be signed by Sister Dorothy, asking that he and his church aid in the work. Father Areson said today that the church has never solicited money for Christmas in this fashion and never will. Any information which can be sent Father Areson regarding these impostors will be greatly appreciated.

JAUREZ PEACEFUL AS CARRANZA RULES

El Paso, Dec. 23.—General Alvaro Obregon, Carranza commander-in-chief of Northern Mexico, who arrived here last night from Nogales, Sonora, said he would go to Jaurez, just across the border, late today. Jaurez passed its first night under Carranza control peacefully and with less of the bustle characteristic of "the wickedest town in Mexico."

Gambling has ceased and the disorderly resorts have been closed. Constitutional currency issued to the soldiers now has a purchasing value in the stores.

Drop Manslaughter Charge Against Dreyer

The charge of manslaughter placed against Solomon Dreyer of 69, Sedgewick street at the time he ran down and killed 11-year-old Steve Allicki of 64 Goodwin street about six weeks ago has been changed to one of reckless driving upon recommendation of Coroner John J. Phelan in his report on the death. Dreyer was released in the custody of his counsel in the city court.

INDIANS MAY PLAY HARVARD.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 23.—It was stated here today that Indiana University will be asked to take one of the two vacant places on the Harvard football schedule for 1916.

NAMES APPRAISERS

Appraisers were appointed by Judge Miller in the probate court today on three small estates. They were: Nathan Herz and Herbert Loewith on the estate of Charles E. Cary, which consists of \$465 in insurance; Charles A. Hopwood and Thomas D. Gallinini on the estate of Marie L. Wray, \$320 in insurance; Donato D'Elia and Frank E. Imucci on the estate of Michale Vitalo, \$520 in insurance.

RECTOR KENYON IMPROVED

Rev. Earl H. Kenyon, rector of St. Paul's church, was reported today by his physician Dr. George O. Ober as being much improved. Rev. Mr. Kenyon suffered a stroke of apoplexy Tuesday and his entire left side was paralyzed. Today Dr. Ober reports that Mr. Kenyon has recovered the use of his left arm and leg and probably will be able to walk within a few days.

George Delcourt of the tug John Glen was sent to the marine hospital at St. Vincent's on Saturday suffering with lobar-pneumonia.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Thomas Hackett of 699 Barnum avenue reported to the police that his grocery store had been entered during last night. Ten boxes of cigarettes and \$8 in change were stolen.

Wilbert A. McCurville, a jitney driver, reported to the police today that his jitney car had been struck by a trolley car at Howard and Fairfield avenues about 5 o'clock last night and that during the collision Gustave Larson of 167 William street, a passenger in the jitney, suffered a painful laceration of the head.

Superintendent Birmingham will issue a permit to the striking men and women of Meriden, who will arrive here tomorrow accompanied by a brass band, to parade prior to Tag Day operations.

Believed to be slightly demented Albert Rega, aged 17, of 539 Myrtle avenue, in city court today charged with evading payment of fare on a jitney and an additional charge of carrying concealed weapons, was ordered held, until tomorrow morning while in the meantime he will be examined by Dr. J. F. Canavan.

A bond of \$10 was declared forfeited in city court today when Joseph Robertson, clerk at the Atlantic Hotel failed to answer the roll call on a charge of assaulting Peter Tonetti of 38 Fairfield avenue.

CULLEN, NOT INJURED SERIOUSLY, IS REPORTED

Richard Cullen, aged 44, living at 142 Thomas street, who was squeezed yesterday between a motor truck and the wall of the Bridgeport Public Market is reported as showing no serious injury.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Wallace A. Smith, deputy collector of port, is confined to his home, 1235 Park avenue, with a severe cold.